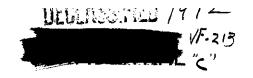


# DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET FIGHTER SQUADRON TWO HUNDRED THIRTEEN FPO SAN FRANCISCO 96601



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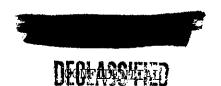
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#### BRIEF CHRONOLOGY OF 1972

4-7 JAN FCLP NAF El Centro 10-13 JAN CARQUAL USS KITTY HAWK (CVA-63) 14-15 JAN Moved aboard KITTY HAWK 17 JAN-4 FEB Mini Cruise

7-16 FEB Preparing for Cruise 17 FEB Departed CONUS for WESTFAC 18 FEB-2 HAR Enroute Subic Bay

3-7 MAR Inport Sacie Bay
5 MAR Enroute Yankee Station
9-25 MAR First Line Period on Yankee Station
26 MAR Enroute Subic Bay
27 MAR-1 APR Inport Subic Bay

2 APR Enroute Yankee Station 3 APR-22 MAY Second Line Period on Yankee Station

23 MAY Enroute Subic Bay 24-30 MAY Inport Subic Bay 31 MAY Enroute Yankee Station

1-27 JUN Third Line Period on Yankee Station 28 JUN Enroute Subic Bay 28 JUN Inport Subic Bay 29 JUN Enroute Hong Kong 30 JUN-6 JUL Inport Hong Kong

7 JUL Enroute Yankee Station 8 JUL-4 AUG Fourth Line Period on Yankee Station

5 AUG Enroute Subic Bay 6-12 AUG Inport Subic Bay 13 AUG Enroute Yankee Station 14 AUG-5 SEP Fifth Line Period on Yankee Station

6 SEP Enroute Subic Bay 7-13 SEP Inport Subic Bay 14 SEP Enroute Yankee Station 15 SEP-2 OCT Sixth Line Period on Yankee Station

3 OCT Enroute Subic Bay 4-10 OCT Inport Subic Bay 11 OCT Enroute Yankee Station 12 OCT-5 NOV Seventh Line Period on Yankee Station

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6 NOV Enroute Subic Bay
7 NOV Inport Subic Bay
8-10 NOV Enroute Sasabo, Japan
11-13 NOV Inport Sasabo, Japan
11-21 NOV Enroute Hawaii
22 NOV Inport Hawaii
23-27 NOV Enroute CONUS
28 NOV Arrived CONUS
29 NOV-31 DEC POST DEPLOYMENT STANDDOWN
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#### HISTORY

### COMMAND ORGANIZATION AND RELATIONS

Fighter Squadron TWO THIRTEEN is a component of Attack Carrier Air Wing ELEVEN and is homeported at the Naval Air Station Miramar, California. The primary mission of this McDonnell Fly-equipped Fighter Squadron is to provide all-weather air superiority for the fleet. The secondary mission of the squadron is to supplement the Air Wing attack capabilities for conventional weapons delivery. Commander John V. LOCKHART, USN, was the Commanding Officer from 17 June 1971 until 20 June 1972 when he was relieved by Commander Robert L. GILBERT, USN, during ceremonies held aboard USS KITTY HAWK (CVA-63).

#### OPERATIONS

VF-213 was just completing its training cycle at the beginning of calendar year 1972. Following carrier landing practice at NAF El Centro and a CARQUAL period aboard the USS KITTY HAWK the "BLACK LIONS" deployed to the Western Pacific on the 17th day of February 1972 for its seventh combat cruise. Upon transit of the Pacific, the squadron finished the last preparatory stages for combat operations.

The first line period began on the 9th day of March and lasted until 25 March. USS KITTY HAWK (CVA-63) operated on a one-hour and forty-five minute cycle requiring the F-4J to carry the 600 gallon centerline tank. As bombers the aircraft carried 3000 pounds of bombs plus two AIM-7F-2 Sparrow III missiles, and two AIM-9G Sidewinder missiles. For Combat Air Patrol or photo escort missions the aircraft were configured with two Sparrow and two Sidewinder missiles.

On the 3rd day of April the "BLACK LIONS" of VF-213 began their second and what was to be the longest line period, lasting some 52 days. During this period the "BLACK LIONS" flew over 300 combat sorties, delivering some 363 tons of ordnance while suffering no personnel losses or aircraft damage either operationally or in combat. Also during this second line period the squadron became the first unit to deliver ordnance to the high threat Haiphong area.

In June of 1972 the squadron became instrumental in the deployment of the laser guided bombs. The "BLACK LIONS" became the first Navy F-4 squadron to deliver the laser guided bomb against enemy positions. In all, during the cruise the squadron delivered more than 1100 tons of ordnance during its seven line periods while suffering no personnel losses.

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The officers and men of Fighter Squadron TWO THIRTEEN are proud of their many achievements during calendar year 1972. Equipped with the Navy's Flu aircraft and highly polished fighter crews, the "BLACK LIONS" fulfilled all assigned missions while upholding its reputation as the finest fighter squadron in the United States Navy.

#### SPECIAL TOPICS

#### Safety 1972

- (1) Total hours flown 5225 Day 3953 Night 1272
- (2) CVA Landings: Day 2010 Night 618 Total 2628
- (3) Aircraft Accidents Three major A/C accidents occurred:
- (a) 2-72A LT (b) (6) /LT (b) (6) Aircraft Carrier Landing accident on 5 April 1972. A/C 157256.
- (b) 3-72A LCDR (b)(6) LTJG (b)(6) Aircraft Carrier Landing accident on 12 June 1972. A/C 157258.
- (c) 4-72A LCDR (b) (6) (LCDR(b) (6) Anti-aircraft loss on 19 June 1972. A/C 157273.
- (4) Ground Accident one major ground accident occurred:
  - (a) 2-73C 15 October 1972, aircraft fell off jacks. A/C 157250.

#### CONTRIBUTIONS/ACHIEVEMENTS

The "Black Lions" of VF-213 were involved in a number of notable achievements and contributions during calendar year 1972. VF-213 was instrumental in pioneering the Navy's use of the laser guided bombs. The "Black Lions" provided the first F-4 designators for the A-7's delivery of the 2,000 pound bombs. Later in the cruise the "Black Lions" delivered their own laser units knocking out a significant number of gun emplacements and bridges.

During the second line period the A-7's on board KITTY HAWK were all grounded for engine checks leaving the "Black Lions" of VF-213 carrying the brunt of the load delivering ordnance continuously for a period of ten days until engine modifications could be made.

As the war progressed and activity began to move further North it was evident that the "Black Lions" would become exposed to the high threat Hanoi-Haiphong area. And in the latter part of APR the inevitable happened as VF-213 became the first Navy F-4 squadron to deliver ordnance over the Haiphong area.

The 1972 cruise not only proved to be a highly successful operationally but also proved to be a very "safe" cruise. The "Black Lions" were able to complete the entire cruise without the loss of a single aircrew. Also, out of the seven individual "Tailhook" awards given during the cruise the "Black Lions" provided the winning the winning crew on six occasions while winning the unit award during the sixth line period.

The "Black Lions" also had a notable number of historical landings aboard KITTY HAWK during 1972. Lt. (b) (6) completed his 400th combat mission and his 500th carrier landing on the same day. Other historical landings on board the KITTY HAWK included the following:

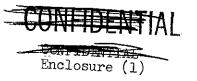
All in all 1972 proved to be a highly successful year for the "Black Lions" of VF-213 giving sustenance to the many hours spent briefing and flying during combat operations resulting in "Black Lions" aircrews being considered the finest in the fleet.





### FIGHTER SQUADRON TWO HUNDRED THIRTEEN FLIGHT SUMMARY

FLIGHT HOUF	RS (JAN-DEC 1972)	ARRESTE	LANDINGS
TOTAL	DAY NIGHT	DAY	NIGHT
JAN 401.0 FEB 86.1 MAR 690.6 APR 692.7 MAY 539.8 JUN 640.5 JUL 621.2 AUG 525.2 SEP 456.9 OCT 452.3 NOV 114.5 DEC 4.4	205.0 196.0 76.8 9.3 534.0 156.6 579.5 113.2 501.2 38.6 448.0 192.5 435.4 185.8 417.3 107.9 334.6 122.3 312.1 140.2 104.9 9.6 4.4	138 39 223 302 255 236 234 214 170 152 47	93 8 94 68 31 84 73 49 51 63
GRAND TOTAL 5225.2	3953.2 1272.0	2,010	618



### Aircraft in VF-213 Inventory During 1972

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Fluj 157250 - transferred December 1972

157256 - transferred on cruise

157272

157265

157242

157243

157247

157251

157251

157255

155808

155764

155832

155849
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## Fighter Squadron TWO HUNDRED THIRTEEN FPO San Francisco 96601

31 December 1972

#### UNCLASSIFIED

#### OFFICER PRECEDENCE LIST

Name	Rank	SSAN/Desig
GILBERT, Robert L.	CDR	(b) (6)
BROWN, Roger W., Jr.	CDR	
(b) (6)	LCDR	
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	LCDR	
	LT	
	LTJG	

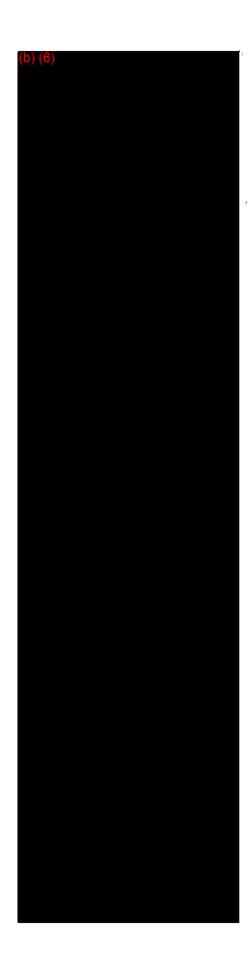
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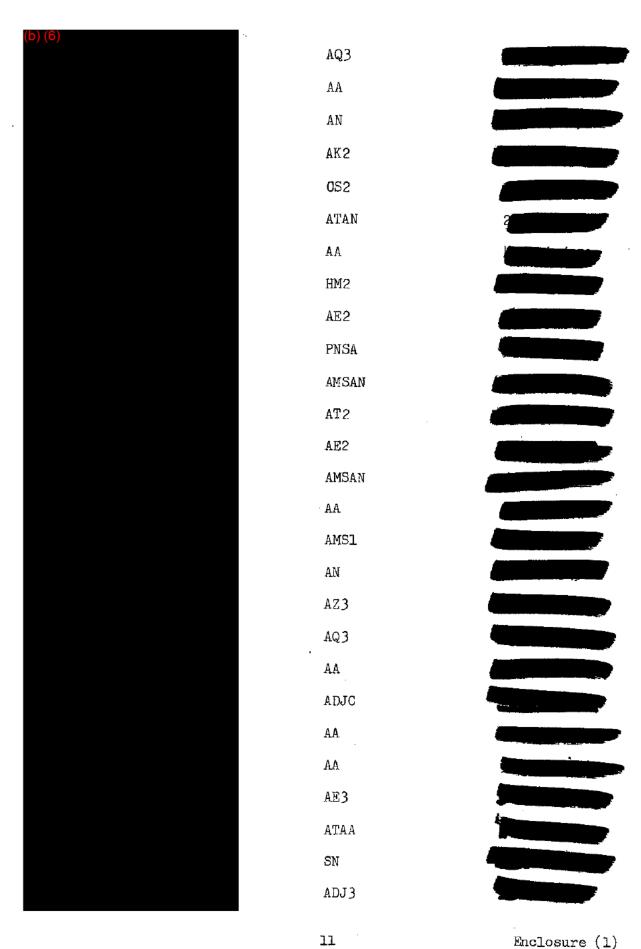
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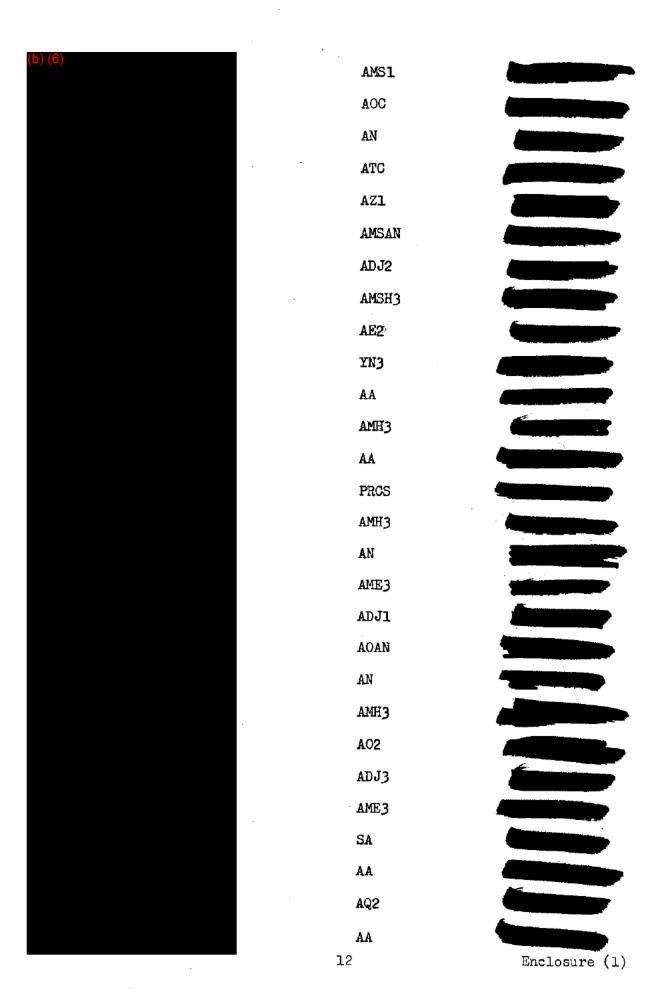
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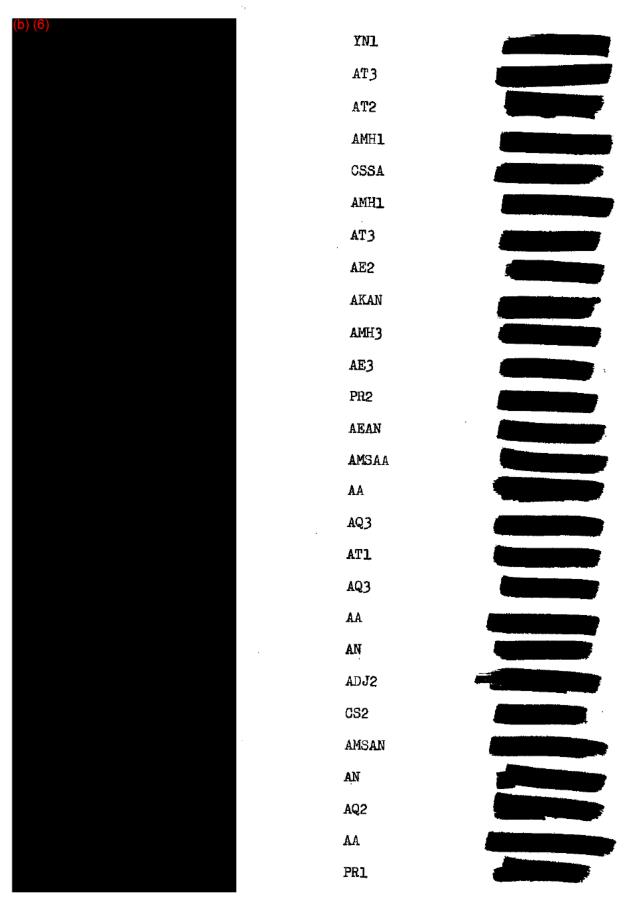


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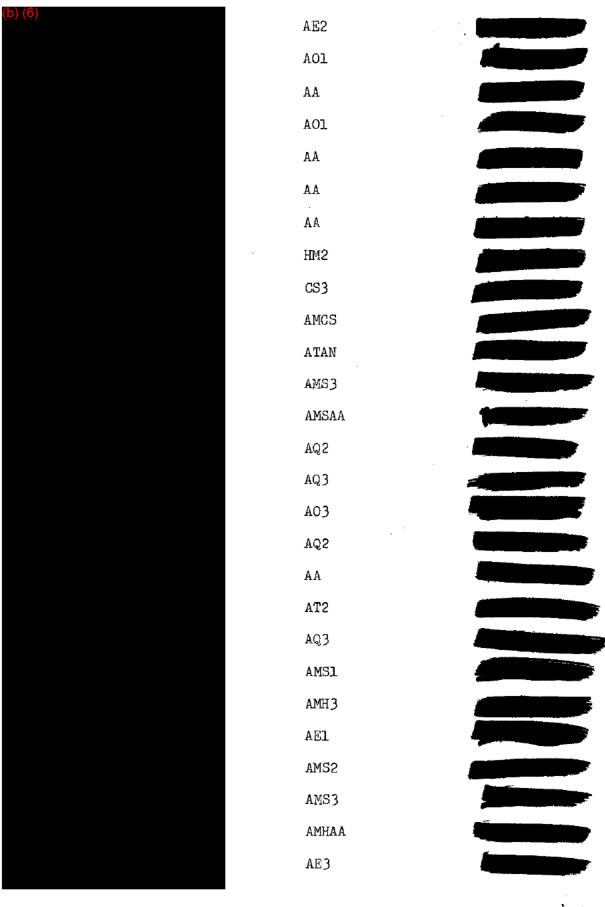


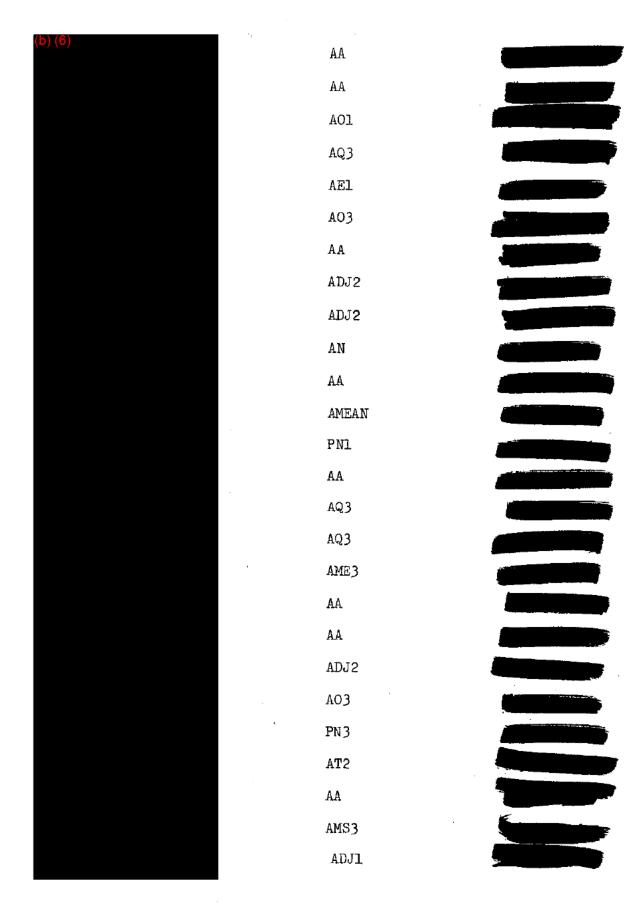


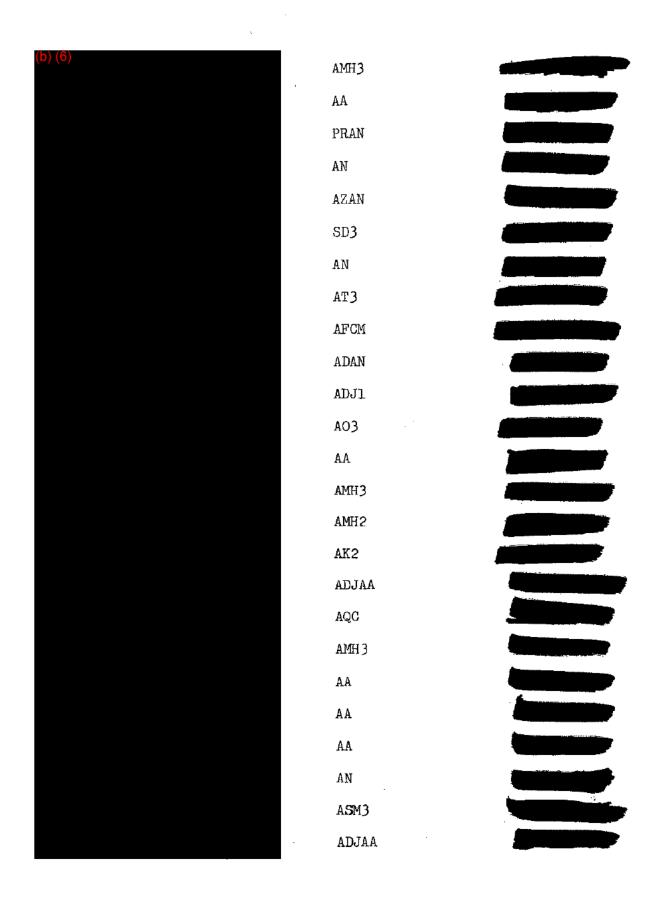




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FIGHTER SQUADRON TWO THIRTEEN FPO SAN FRANCISCO 96601 EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S BIOGRAPHY COMMANDER ROGER W. BROWN, JR.

Commander Roger W. BROWN, Jr., the son of the bound of the was born in the bound of the where he earned his B. S. degree. In September 1956, he entered the Navy under the Aviation Officers Candidate Program at NAS Pensacola, Florida and was commissioned an Ensign in February 1957. He was designated a Naval Aviator on 6 June 1958.

His first set of orders as a Naval Aviator were to VF-121 where as a student he flew the FJ-3. In January 1959 he reported to VF-124, via VF-23, where as a student he transitioned to the F-8U. Upon completion of training in December of 1959 he reported to VF-211, serving as Personnel Officer, flying the F-8U-1 and completing a deployment to the Western Pacific aboard USS LEXINGTON in 1960-61.

In December of 1961 Commander BROWN reported to VF-174 where, as ATO/Material Control Officer, he also served as a flight instructor. From November 1964 to May 1965 Commander BROWN was stationed in France assisting the French Navy in their transition to the F8E-FN aircraft.

Returning to a training status in June of 1965 Commander BROWN reported to VF-101 when he transitioned to the F-4B aircraft. Upon completion of training in November 1965 he reported to VF-32 and served as Assistant Maintenance/Administration Officer. In June of 1966 he deployed again to the Western Pacific aboard USS ROOSEVELT, completing the cruise in January of 1967.

After a five month Mediterranean cruise, Commander BROWN reported to CVW-2 where he served as the Operations Officer, making a brief cruise to WESTPAC in April and a full cruise in October of 1968 aboard USS RANGER. In October of 1969 he reported to OPNAV in Washington, D. C. where he served with a CNO study group in OP96 until November of 1971.

Commander BROWN reported to Fighter Squadron TWO HUNDRED THIRTEEN as Executive Officer in July, 1972 aboard USS KITTY HAWK where he completed the combat tour with the squadron. To date he has earned fifteen Air Medals and two Navy Commendation Medals.

Commander BROWN is married to the former (b) (6) of (b) (6) and resides with their children (b) (6) at (b) (6)